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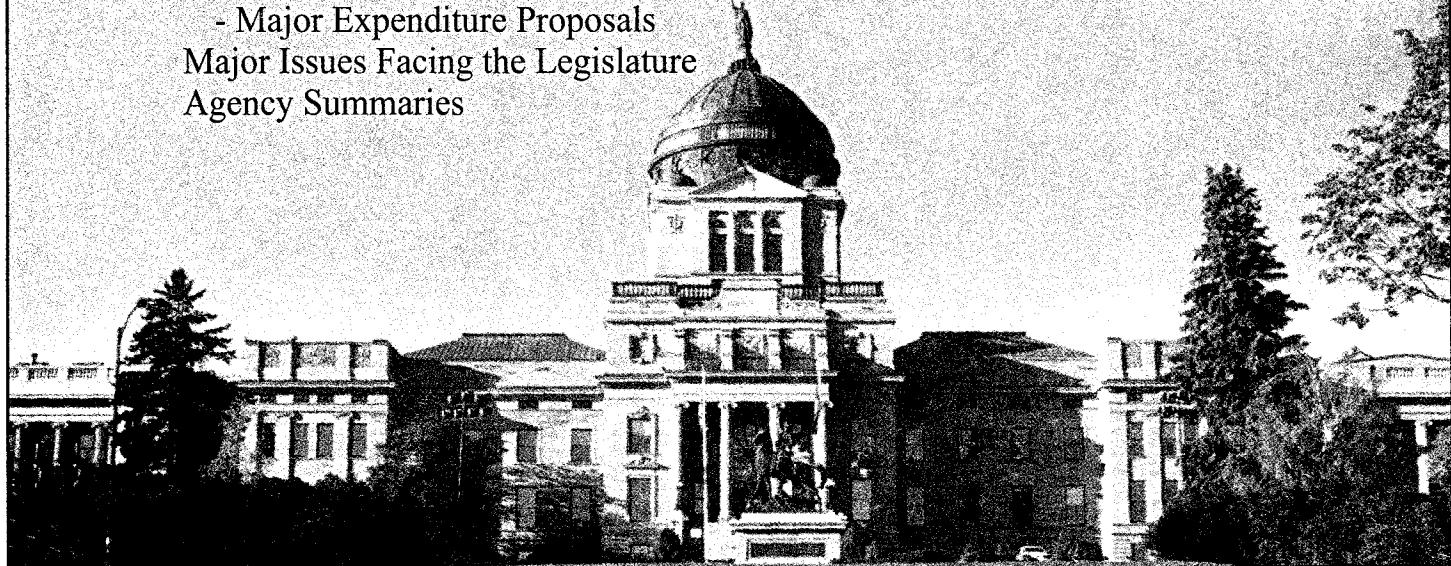
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Members of the Sixty-second Legislature:

I submit for your consideration the state budget outlook for the 2013 biennium and the analysis of the Governor's Budget in volumes 1 through 8. They are available online at the following link: <http://leg.mt.gov/css/fiscal/reports/2011-session.asp>. The work contained in these volumes of analysis began a year ago when the Fiscal Division began its analysis for a March 2010 mid-interim budget update for the Legislature and the Legislative Finance Committee.

Since that March update, the Legislative Finance Committee has worked to create options for the 2011 session through a number of efforts:

- Directed staff to create budget options for the Reference Book and available online at: http://www.leg.mt.gov/css/Committees/Administration/Finance/2011_lfc_default.asp
- Reviewed and heard public comment regarding items in the Reference Book with many full interim committees and subcommittees of the same.
- Adopted recommended motions for joint appropriation subcommittee to give additional choices presented by the executive.

As a result of this work many more options will be available to the 2011 session than would have been available with just the work of the executive. Some of this work has generated bills that will be considered through legislative deliberation.

My first year as the Legislative Fiscal Analyst has been an honor and a privilege. The Montana Legislature, being a citizen legislature, not only represents the people of Montana; they are the people of Montana. I want to thank the members of the Legislative Finance Committee for their wisdom and guidance that got me through the challenges of this past year.

I also need to thank the staff of the Legislative Fiscal Division. These professionals are solidly committed to the Legislature and to serving the people of Montana. They are an amazing group that works hard to find the answers for your fiscal concerns. You will find them listed with their areas of expertise on pages ix.

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Sincerely,

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